

MARKS OF DISCIPLESHIP: Faith Practices! Signposts guide our way—Disciples pray daily, worship weekly, grow spiritually, read & study Scripture on a regular basis, serve others, share the good news, and live & give generously.

Saturday School & G.I.F.T. — Postponed until further notice.

Men’s Bible Study Breakfast: — Happening online via Email.

Women’s Bible Study: New study on I Peter began on April 23 Email and phone. Contact Pastor Dave for a printed copy!

Prayers for Pastor Dave & Julie: Prayers are welcomed as Pastor Dave undergoes treatment for pancreatic cancer. Chemo treatment began on Monday, May 11.

Acts 4:31—The Church Prayed!

“And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the Word of God with boldness.

Each day at 4:31pm, Members and Friends of Emmanuel are connecting for prayer while staying put in their own homes. Send prayer requests to Pastor Dave Steffenson Thanks for joining us.

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God the Father.”

Philippians 2:5-11. Alleluia!

WORSHIP SERVANTS Tonight

Pianist: Mary Ann Groven

Scripture Reader/Prayers/Assisting Minister: Julie Steffenson

Sound/Recording: Don Holtan

Thanks for worshiping with us this evening. Your presence is your gift to us. We pray that our Service of Worship is a blessing to you. Sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever, we are praising, proclaiming & practicing Emmanuel – God with us – in daily life! Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Visit us at: www.emmanuelofrochester.org



**Worship—Eve of
Easter VII
May 23, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

With One Voice— Bread of Life Liturgy

** indicates stand as you are able*

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

*Brief Order for Confession & Forgiveness Page 10f

*Hymn: “Lord, You Give the Great Commission” WOV #756

*Greeting Page 28

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*Hymn of Praise (Men = I; Women = II) Page 29f

*Salutation and Prayer of the Day Page 30

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, in Jesus you have made us all one. Grant that his prayer that all his disciples be one as you are one be manifest in our lives for the sake of your mission in the world; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26

Psalm 68:1-10 Bulletin Insert

Second Lesson: I Peter 4:12-19; & 5:6-11

*Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia” Page 31

*Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

Children’s Message: “Casting Lots” *(posted earlier on Facebook)*

*Hymn: “On Eagle’s Wings” WOV #779

Sermon: “God Cares FOR YOU!” Rev. Dave Steffenson

***Hymn of the Day: “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” LBW #439**

1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry, Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry, Ev'rything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Are we weak and heavy-laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee; Thou wilt find a solace there

*Confession of Faith: “Apostles’ Creed” Page 33

***The Prayers (bulletin pages 2-3)**

*Benediction Page 41

***Dismissal Hymn: “Thanks Be to You!” WOV #790**

*Dismissal Page 41

Postlude

The Prayers

A: With joyful confidence, let us approach our Lord’s throne of grace, there to pray on behalf of the Church, the world, & all people according to their need.

A brief silence

A: O God beyond all praising, we worship you and adore you. You have revealed your glory through your Son, who has risen and ascended & who reigns at your right hand forever. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Make your Church abide in Jesus, as he abides in you. Cause it to preach the Gospel of salvation and celebrate the Sacraments in accordance with that Gospel. Let it proclaim to the whole world your blessings without number and your mercy without end. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Grant to your persecuted people a firm confidence in the hope that has been established through the steadfast obedience of Christ their Lord. Give them grace to triumph through their sufferings and rise to serve you even in the presence of those who trouble them.

Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Unite our hearts with all disciples of your Son, and servants of your Gospel. Let us all be so united to your beloved Son & with one another, that in everything, we glorify your Name & spread the bounties of your mercy throughout the world. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: On this Memorial Day weekend, we lovingly commend into your care all our beloved dead, especially those who gave their life in service of their country. Keep their memories fresh and bright. Spur us to deeds of faithfulness, generosity, and self-sacrifice. And hasten the day when wars shall cease; evil is vanquished; every tear is wiped away; and you are truly all in all. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

A: Deal gently with all who are afflicted by confusion, sorrow, pain, remorse, or despair. Heal every hurt they have sustained. Especially we pray for: [**NAMES**]. Attend to the voice of our prayer for them .Bring them into a place of refreshment, health and hope. Give compassion, wisdom and patience to everyone who cares for them; and sustain them with your gracious Spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

P: We praise and magnify you, dear Jesus. Accept our prayers and lay them at the feet of your Father, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns gloriously as our Lord and our God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Worship Opportunities

Facebook: Emmanuel Lutheran Church of Rochester, MN (Live streaming at 6pm Saturdays)

Facebook: Trinity Lutheran Church—St. Charles, MN

Whitewater Travel Plaza Trinity Lutheran Drive-In Worship at 9am on Sundays (located off of I-90 near St. Charles, MN)

someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: John 17:1-10

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17th. Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

1 When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you, 2 since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3 And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4 I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do. 5 And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed. 6 I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7 Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you. 8 For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9 I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours. 10 All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

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The Emmanuel Weekly

Saturday, May 23, 2020
Eve of Easter VII—6pm

***“Praising, Proclaiming & Practicing
Emmanuel—God with us—in daily
life!”***



CALENDAR ITEMS

Blessed Easter to You and Yours!

The Season of Easter is 50 Days long.

Each Sunday is a mini Easter. We praise the LORD for the resurrection victory that is ours in Christ Jesus. We light our Paschal Candle reminding us that Christ is the Light of the World.

We are His Easter People. Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen Indeed!

We have lit the Paschal Candle during the days of Easter until we arrived at Ascension Day (May 21). We also light this candle whenever we have a baptism or a funeral, reminding us that in baptism we daily die and rise with Jesus. Not even death can extinguish the Light of Christ's love. This is the victory that overcomes the world: The Faithfulness of Jesus. Alleluia!

**The May Emmanuel Prayer
Calendar & Epistle Newsletter
are both available in print! Also,
pick up your copy of the current
“Our Daily Bread” Devotional.**

- Saturday, May 23:
Virtual Worship Easter
VII—6pm
- Sunday, May 24—Drive-
In Worship at Trinity
Lutheran Church (9am)
- Tuesday, May 26
Men's Bible Study via
email (8:30-9:30am);
Round 2—Chemo for
Pastor Dave Steffenson
- Thursday, May 28
Women's Virtual Bible
Study on I Peter 5 (1:00-
2:30pm)—final session
- Sat, May 30—Virtual
Pentecost Worship at
6pm; Pulpit Supply: Rev.
Tim Duesenberg
- Group Prayer each day
at 4:31pm. Thanks for
joining us in prayer!

Acts 1:12-26 — The Choosing of Matthias

12 Then [the disciples] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. 13 And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. 14 All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers. 15 In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, 16 "Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. 17 For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." 18 (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. 19 And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) 20 "For it is written in the Book of Psalms, 'May his camp become desolate, and let there be no one to dwell in it'; and 'Let another take his office.'" 21 So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us — one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." 23 And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, & Matthias. 24 And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 68:1-10 —responsively

L. God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered;

C: And those who hate him shall flee before him!

L: As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away;

C: As wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

L: But the righteous shall be glad;

C: They shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

L: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts;

C: His name is the Lord; exult before him!

L: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows

C: Is God in his holy habitation.

L: God settles the solitary in a home;

C: He leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

L: O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

C: The earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel.

L: Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished;

C: Your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy.

I Peter 4:12-17; & 5:6-11 — Glorify God in Suffering

12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? 18 And "If the righteous is scarcely saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" 19 Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good. ... 5:6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking